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### TEMPERANCE SENTIMENT.

To any one who reads the proceedings of the Legislature now in session and compares them with the doings of former Legislatures, it must be clear that the temperance sentiment is growing in North Carolina.

We believe we have noticed in former years that the Legislature has been asked to incorporate more churches for certain distances around than the present Legislature; but we have not seen such positive effort to regulate the liquor traffic as is seen in the strong petitions to establish county dispensaries.

The dispensary system is something new, having been established in South Carolina a few years ago. It has been in operation in Waynesville in this State two years also. We believe there are many commendable features about the dispensary system, though doubtless it may be abused. No one denies that the liquor traffic is a gigantic evil; and in some respects we claim that it is the greatest evil of the age. Even the men who are engaged in it will not deny that it is a great evil. It being an evil that threatens the civil, social, educational, moral and religious welfare of every community where the traffic is allowed, it is the patriotic duty of every good citizen to give his influence and support to the proper regulation of it, so far as he can.

Believing the dispensary system to be much better than the license system, we earnestly hope that the Legislature will pass acts granting it to every county that asks for it. If the dispensary system is properly managed it certainly can not be any worse for the poor, unfortunate victims of the drink habit than the present system that makes it free to every one who can buy a spoonful at a time.

Let the Legislature pass acts granting dispensaries to those counties that are asking for them and we confidently believe that two years' trial of the system will prove it to be a means of greatly modifying the evil and will prove a blessing to many a slave to the habit of drink who will thank the Legislature for their action in making it possible to control him and that great octopus of evil that now threatens his own life and the happiness of his family.

THE COMMONWEALTH believes the dispensary system is worthy an honest trial and therefore we hope the Legislature will consider it favorably for as many counties and towns as ask for it.

The New Berne Fair will open next Monday, 22nd, and will continue all the week. It has always been one of the best fairs in the State, and the managers will do all possible to make this the best fair yet. All who go will be paid for their time and money.

The question of better roads is being somewhat discussed and considered by the Legislature. It is equally as earnestly being discussed and considered by the people who have to do hauling now. The roads in this community have been reported recently as being in very bad condition, and some of them perhaps not as well worked as they might be.

### MARRIAGES IN MARTIN.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

WILLIAMSON, N. C., Feb. 16th, 1897.  
Mr. Archie Turner and Miss Pauline Tucker were married on Jan. 23rd, Rev. G. L. Finch officiating. This is a popular young couple and they have the best wishes of a host of friends.

Mr. L. L. Waters died on Saturday last of pneumonia. He was buried on Sunday, Rev. A. J. Parker conducting the services. He had many friends who deeply sympathize with his loved ones. Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Pattie Harrison to Mr. William H. Crawford on Feb. 24th. The ceremony will be performed in the Baptist church, of which Miss Harrison is the efficient and accomplished organist.

There is a great deal of sickness in town. Grippe and pneumonia abound. Miss Minnie Ferabee of Halifax is visiting Rev. G. L. Finch and wife this week.

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## THE LEGISLATURE.

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Senator Parker, of Alamance, of the committee, filed a minority report, saying there had been useless employment of assistants and the useless expenditure of money in their employment; that Swinson, of his own motion, appointed one of eight assistants and as to the other seven, he received them by direction and nomination of the caucus of two political parties, to whom he was indebted for his own election and in so receiving them he was obeying the commands of the two parties which had elected him; that Swinson is not without blame, but the blame consists largely in his yielding too readily and without protest to the caucus demands and nominations; that there was not at any time any suggestion to him to displace or discharge any of the assistants he had so received.

The bill passed by the house to abolish the office of enrolling clerk, if, by law, such office exists, was taken up. Senator Moyer opposed the bill, saying persons now trying to oust Swinson said if he would appoint the two negroes they wanted they would withdraw the bill.

Senator Smathers favored the bill. Senator Butler was in favor of not judging Swinson too hastily; that Swinson thought he was carrying out the wishes of the caucus.

Senator Parker, of Alamance, offered a substitute that the enrolling clerk be charged with the duty and responsibility for prompt and proper enrollment of all bills and resolutions certified to him by the chief clerks of the house or senate; that there shall be two assistants selected by the enrolling clerk and that the assistant enrolling clerks shall be under the direction and subject to the orders of the enrolling clerk; that when the enrolling clerk requires clerical help he shall secure services of sufficient number of competent copyists and they shall be paid 10 cents a copy sheet for all work done by them.

This substitute was lost and the original bill passed its second and third readings and Swinson was bounced.

HOUSE.—Among the bills and resolutions introduced were the following: By Mr. Dixon, of Green, to allow county commissioners and magistrates in joint session called after fifteen days' notice to by a majority vote adopt the alternative method of working the public roads.

By Mr. Arrington, to provide for working the roads in Halifax county by taxation, (20 cents on \$100).

The "fellow servants" bill came up with a favorable report. It gives any employee of a railway the right to sue for damages and prevents any waiver of such right to damages.

The bill came up to allow cattle to go at large from December 25th to March 25th, in Halifax county, which is another stock law county, and this was championed by Arrington, another negro member. It passed—93 to 31, despite protests from democrats.

A remarkable bill passed to require persons in Vance county, who rent lands to tenants to pay for one-fourth of fertilizers used by the tenant unless notice is given by the landlord when land is rented.

THIRTY-SECOND DAY—FRIDAY FEB. 12.

SENATE.—Among the bills introduced were: The bill to prohibit the use of free passes by public officers was taken up. Senator Moyer favored the passage of the bill because if any person rode on a free pass the railroad certainly expected something in return and he did not think any honest public officer would ride on a free pass because it would place him under obligation to the railroad.

Senator Anderson opposed the bill. Senator Smathers moved that the matter be made a special order for February 27th.

Senator Clark demanded the roll call, which was ordered—carried, ayes 21; noes 19.

Senator Ray offered a resolution that a committee of three be appointed by the president to investigate the free pass matter and ascertain if it will be to the interest of the railroads to pass such a bill or not—adopted.

The bill to provide for general supervision of railroads, steamboats, express, telegraph and telephone companies, doing business in the state, providing for reduction of passenger and freight rates, passenger rates as amended to be 2 1/2 cents for first class and 2 cents for second class per mile, was made a special order for February 19th.

The bill to take the department of agriculture and the college of agriculture and mechanic arts out of the hands of the present trustees and officers and constitute a new board of sixteen commissioners came up. Senator Ray opposed the bill, saying he did not see why they should want to abolish the department of agriculture and mechanic arts. He said he wanted to have time to examine the bill.

Senator McCaskey stated that the bill was introduced several days ago and Senator Ray should have already examined it.

Senator Ray wanted to know the object of the bill.

Senator McCaskey said so that the cooperation party could take charge of the department and college.

"So then, it is only a political scheme, is it?" asked Senator Ray.

"Yes," answered Senator McCaskey.

Senator Ray moved to make it a special order for February 17th.

Senator McCaskey opposed this and asked the senate to vote down the motion, which it did.

Senator McCaskey called the previous question.

Senator Walker demanded the roll call and the bill was passed—24 to 13.

SENATE held a night session and among the bills passed were:

To allow Weldon to issue bonds to build a bridge over the Roanoke river in Northampton and Halifax counties.

To incorporate Tillery. To examine the histories now used in the public schools. (Senator Ashburn claimed Moore's North Carolina history and also Lee's history were political. Senator Anthony moved to table. Senator Ray begged him to withdraw the motion because if any one was narrow minded enough to think Moore's or Lee's history taught politics, he certainly wanted such committee appointed, for the benefit of Senator Ashburn particularly.)

To incorporate the town of Roanoke Rapids.

By leave Senator Hyatt introduced a bill to provide for woman's suffrage in North Carolina.

HOUSE.—Bills were introduced:

To allow no member to vote until the title to his seat is decided.

By Mr. McBride, to provide that in all cases of marriage of women under 21 years of age the marriage shall have the same force and effect in law as if the woman so marrying were 21 years old.

By Mr. Ward, to reduce the salaries and fees of all public offices save those fixed by law 25 per cent.

By Mr. Babbitt, to amend The Code that the commissioners and not the boards of justices of counties shall elect the finance committees.

By Mr. Person, to create a commission composed of Governor Russell, Julian S. Carr and W. A. Hoke, to procure a suitable design with all necessary specifications for a monument in Raleigh upon the site chosen in memory of Z. B. Vance; that proposals shall be advertised for; that the commission may co-operate with the Vance Monument Association; that a report be made to the next Legislature; that \$1,000 be appropriated for necessary expenses.

The special order was taken up, being the election contest of Field vs. Crews from Granville. Majority and minority reports were submitted by the committee, the minority report, signed by two democrats, being in Field's favor. The minority report was voted on first and lost—ayes, 31; noes, 63. The majority report was then adopted.

The house took up the report of the committee on insane asylums, made by Mr. Sutton, of Cumberland, the report being attached to a bill to provide for the maintenance of three asylums. The report says at Morganton cottages are needed, but they are not recommended just now; that there are twenty-six criminal insane; a department for criminal insane at the penitentiary is recommended; it is recommended that Durham and Robeson counties be transferred to the Raleigh asylum; for the Morganton asylum \$100,000 is recommended; to the Raleigh asylum \$63,450 and \$4,000 for the purchase of 100 acres of land; that \$43,000 be allowed the Goldsboro asylum, \$1,250 for the purchase of 100 acres of land and \$2,600 for an electric plant. The bill covers these recommendations.

The senate resolution, providing for the visit of a special committee to Mecklenburg county, to see the roads was adopted.

HOUSE held afternoon session.

A motion was lodged to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed yesterday to allow stock to go at large three months in Halifax county.

The bill to provide for the election of a county physician by the county commissioners annually, they to fix his compensation, caused a warm discussion.

The previous question was ordered.

The vote on the third reading was—ayes, 48; noes, 17.

By leave Mr. Cook introduced a bill to incorporate the Coleman Manufacturing Company, to manufacture cotton goods near Concord, with \$200,000 capital and to employ colored labor. The bill at once passed its second and third readings under suspension of the rules.

Mr. Hancock made a motion to put the "clincher" on the "house bill 599," this being to put the election of county physicians in the hands of the commissioners; it was put like a flash.

Mr. Sutton sprang to his feet and declared this was unfair; that the bill was not even read; that the speaker certainly ought to announce on what bill the motion was put. There were sharp words between Sutton and Hancock, but the matter stands and the bill is "clinched."

THIRTY-THIRD DAY—SATURDAY FEB. 13.

SENATE.—Among bills introduced were the following:

To amend the charter of the Rocky Mount Agricultural and Mechanical Association.

Bills passed:

To incorporate Roanoke Rapids.

To levy a special tax to build a bridge

over Roanoke river in Northampton and Halifax counties.

To stimulate public school taxes in rural districts.

To amend the charter of Enfield. HOUSE.—Bills were introduced:

By Mr. Morton, to tax cigarettes 15 cents a package.

By Mr. Harris, of Hyde, to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in that county.

By Mr. Ward, to declare ordained ministers and justices of the peace public officers.

By Mr. Schulken, to provide for publishing 8,500 copies of the public and 100 copies of the private laws of this session.

The speaker announced as assistant enrolling clerks appointed by Lieut. Gov. Reynolds and himself, B. F. Jones, A. V. Miller, J. C. Maxwell, A. S. Byrd, A. C. Lehman, F. B. Wimbish, A. Spruill and D. Y. Carroll. The house confirmed these appointments.

The bills passed as follows:

Allowing Washington county to levy a special tax to build an iron bridge at Mackey's Ferry. (The house was so light that only sixty-two votes were cast.)

To allow minor children, defendant, to plead any defence which might have been pleaded by the executor; in other words to plead the statute of limitations in case the executor or administrator failed to make that plea for them.

To allow Sunday trains to carry express matter of all kinds.

To allow all justices of the peace, notaries, clerks of superior and inferior courts power to make and certify acknowledgment of all grantors and private examination of married men (On-slow excepted).

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY—MONDAY, FEB. 15.

News & Observer.

SENATE.—At the night session the calendar was taken up. Bill to appropriate \$34,000 for a new building for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind at Raleigh, passed.

To pay judges of election in North Carolina. The bill provides the pay to be \$2.00 per day and 10 cents per mile for carrying the returns. Mr. McNeill offered amendment, "strike out two dollars and insert one dollar." Mr. Walker offered a substitute for the amendment, "strike out \$2.00 per day and 10 cents per mile and insert one dollar and 5 cents per mile. Mr. Abell offered an amendment to strike out Johnston county as his county was now provided with a law to pay judges of elections. Adopted.

Mr. McCaskey offered an amendment to exempt the counties of Martin, Washington, Tyrrell, Dare, Beaufort, Hyde, Pamlico and Caldwell, from the provisions of the bill.

Mr. McCarthy offered amendment to exempt the counties of Craven, Jones, Onslow, Carteret, Greene, Lenoir, Cumberland, Columbus, Robeson, Rowan, Bertie and Northampton.

Mr. Grant offered an amendment that be left to the county commissioners of the various counties whether to pay the judges of election and messengers or not. Upon the introduction of the above amendment all the other amendments were withdrawn. Mr. Grant's amendment was adopted.

HOUSE.—The bill to provide for the turning over of the penitentiary to the fusionists came up. It provides for a board of nine directors; a superintendent to be appointed by the Governor; all to serve four years. Schulken wanted the introducer of the bill explain it, saying he thought the present law a good one and could see no good reason for a new bill. McKenzie said as there was to be a Democratic caucus to-night he hoped it would be made a special order. Freeman, at this moment, moved to adjourn until 10 a. m. to-morrow. The motion prevailed.

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## PLYMOUTH'S PROGRESS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

PLYMOUTH, N. C., Feb. 15, '97.

Rev. Mr. Melton, travelling missionary of the Disciple Church, preached two excellent sermons for our people yesterday. In the morning he preached at the M. E. church and at night at the Baptist church.

The members of the M. P. church are making arrangements to begin their church-building. They hope to complete it soon. Rev. Mr. Davis is pastor.

Mr. H. W. Mizell is erecting a handsome residence on Washington street. This makes eleven or twelve nice houses that have been built in our town during the last twelve months.

Mr. W. H. Hampton is building a new fishery. He is making arrangements to do a large fish business this spring. No doubt he will succeed; for he is quite a successful business man, and seems to be eminently successful in the fish business.

So far as we can learn there has been but little change in business quarters during the past season. Some of the merchants report an increase in trade while others report a decrease.

The Latham House has changed hands again. It is now being run by Mr. J. E. Reid who has recently rented it from Mr. Levy Blount.

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